

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A portable terminal unit comprising:
 - a first housing having at least a display section;
 - a second housing having at least a main operation section, wherein both said first housing and said second housing are coupled together so that said main operation section is covered with said first housing in a closed state and is exposed in an opened state, and said display section is exposed in both said closed state and said opened state;
 - an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housings opposed to each other in said closed state; and
 - a control section for controlling the display of a selecting screen on said display section within said auxiliary operation section is operated in the closed state and for controlling the display of a display screen image corresponding to a specific item on said display section when said portable terminal unit is brought into an opened state after selecting the specific item from a plurality of items shown in the selecting screen.
2. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
 - wherein the selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.
3. The portable terminal unit according to claim 2 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a

browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

4. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items for one function item.
5. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.
6. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.
7. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said first housing and said second housing are coupled to each other so as to be opened and closed by a sliding motion.
8. A portable terminal unit comprising:
a first housing having at least a display section;
a second housing having at least a main operation section, wherein both said first housing and said second housing are coupled together so that said main operation section is covered with said first housing in a closed state and is exposed in an opened state, and a display screen of said display section is exposed in both said closed state and said opened state;
an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on a surface, of said first and second housings opposed to each other in said closed state;

a state detecting section for detecting whether said first housing and said second housing are in said opened state or in said closed state; and

a control section to control said display of a selecting screen on said display section when said at least one key is operated in said closed state and to control said display of a display screen image corresponding to a specific item on said display section when said state detecting section detects that said portable terminal unit is in said opened state after selecting said specific item from a plurality of items shown in said selecting screen.

9. The portable terminal unit according to claim 8,
wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.

10. The portable terminal unit according to claim 9 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

11. The portable terminal unit according to claim 8,
wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items for one function item.

12. The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.

13. The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.

14. The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said first housing and said second housing are coupled to each other so as to be opened and closed by a sliding motion.

15. A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing which has a main operation section; a second housing; a coupling section which rotatably couples said first housing and said second housing, in which said portable terminal unit is in a closed state when said first and second housings are overlapped thereby covering said main operation section or in an opened state by rotating either of said first and second housings to expose said main operation section;

a display section provided on a surface of said second housing, which faces in a same direction as a surface of said main operation section;

an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on either said first housing or second housing other than on surface, of said first housing or second housing opposed to each other in said closed state;

a state detecting section for detecting whether first and second housings are in said opened state or said closed state; and

a control section to control the display of a selecting screen on said display section when said at least one key is operated in said closed state and to control the display of a display screen image corresponding to a specific item on said display section when said state detecting section detects that said portable terminal unit is in said opened state after selecting said specific item from a plurality of items shown in said selecting screen.

16. The portable terminal unit according to claim 15,
wherein the selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.

17. The portable terminal unit according to claim 16 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

18. The portable terminal unit according to claim 15,
wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items in one function item.

19. The portable terminal unit according to claim 15, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.

20. The portable terminal unit according to claim 13, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.